



To the Honorable W. T. Miller, Judge of the Circuit Court of Lee County, Virginia:-

Humbly complaining^{ly} your oratrix, Minerva H. Jamison, would respectfully represent and shew unto your honor that on the day of April 1886, in Lee County, Virginia, she was married to one John M. Jamison, with whom she lived for months, when her said husband without cause willfully deserted and abandoned her to her great sorrow, distress and grief, ^{+ left the State + has remained and now is a nonresident thereof.} Your oratrix alleges that she made to her said husband a loving, true, faithful and dutiful wife; and that she did all ~~in~~ her power to prevent her said husband from thus leaving her to battle with life's difficulties ~~thus~~ alone in the world; and she further alleges that since the said abandonment he ~~has~~ never contributed in the least to her support and maintenance. She further alleges that this abandonment by her said husband occurred for ^{years previous} more than three to the institution of this suit.

Your oratrix will now represent unto your honor that she is and ~~has~~ has been a resident of Lee County, for more than than twelve months ~~in~~ last past.

Now, therefore, the object of this bill is to obtain a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore contracted and now existing between your oratrix and the said John M. Jamison; and being without remedy at law, she prays your honor's court of equity to take cognizance of this cause and render her the proper relief. To this end she prays that the said John M. Jamison ~~be~~ made the party defendant to this bill, and that he be required to answer the same, but not on ~~an~~ oath that being waived; and that upon a final hearing a decree be pronounced dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between your ~~or~~ oratrix and her said husband, and if mistaken in this her special prayer, she prays for general relief. May process issue, directed, &c.

W. T. Blackburn & Co. P. C.

1890 to 1900

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Minerva H. Jamison

vs. { Bill.

John W. Jamison.

Ordnance & Sundry, P. 9.

1895: 1st Oct rules bill
filed and Order Pub
" 2nd ~~Oct~~ rules Comd.
for Ord Pub to complete
" 1st Nov rules taken the
last Monday in Oct
O. P. Completed & Cause
Set for hearing

Plffs Costs

C 6.00

Jan 1.50

Printer 8.00

atty 15.50

Col 1.25

29.75-

Nov Term 1895 Decr
final O. B. P. 239

Minerva H. Jamison, Plaintiff

Against (In Chancery.

John M. Jamison, Defendant.

This cause, in which the Plaintiff appears to have proceeded against the Defendant, who is out of the Commonwealth, in the mode prescribed by law, ^a against absent defendants, and he still having failed to appear and answer, came on this day to be heard on the bill of the Plaintiff and the depositions of witnesses and was argued by counsel for the Plaintiff; on consideration ~~and~~ whereof, the Court being of opinion from the evidence that the desertion of the Plaintiff by the Defendant was wilful and without just cause, and that the abandonment occurred more than three years before the institution of this suit, doth adjudge, order and decree that the marriage heretofore contracted and solemnized between the Plaintiff Minerva H. Jamison and the Defendant John M. Jamison, be, and the same is hereby dissolved; and that the said Minerva H Jamison be for ever divorced from the said John M. Jamison; and that the Plaintiff recover from the Defendant her costs, by her expended in the prosecution of this suit. And the cause is stricken from the docket.

M. H. Jamison
78. } Decree final.
J. M. Jamison

C. B. O. 259

Enter this Decree

W. L. M.

Nov. 8, 1898;

Minerva H. Jamison

Against (In Chancery.

John M. Jamison.

The depositions of James W. Orr and William A Baker, taken at the Law Office of Orr, Blankenship & Ewing, in the town of Jonesville, County of Lee, and state of Virginia, on this the 26th day of October 1895, to be read as evidence in the above styled cause in which there has been an Order of Publication against the Defendant. Said suit now pending in the Circuit Court of Lee County, Virginia. Said depositions being taken before H. C. Joslyn, a Justice of the Peace, in and for Lee County, Virginia.

Present: Counsel for the Plaintiff.

Said William A. Baker, a witness of lawful age being duly sworn deposes as follows: I am well acquainted with the Plaintiff in this suit and live in Jonesville, where she resides, and where she was born and raised; I was also acquainted with the Defendant, who lived in Jonesville, a few years; I don't remember just when he left here, but I suppose it was about the year 1886, or 1887, soon after they were reported to have been married, and I have not seen him in this country since he left, and it is my understanding that he lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, or has been living there. The Plaintiff has resided in Jonesville all the time since the departure of the Defendant, ~~except~~ ^{except} a short trip to Kentucky about 1887, but I do not know whether she went on a visit or meant to reside there, any way she did not stay long and has been residing here since her return; during which time she has had the respect and confidence of the people of the community, and still retains the same so far as I have ever heard. The abandonment of the Plaintiff by the defendant was without any sufficient cause so far as I know or have ever heard. And further this deponent does not say.

W. A. Baker

James W. Orr, another witness of lawful age being duly sworn deposes and says: I am well acquainted with the Plaintiff, and have known her nearly all her life; she lived at my house for a number of years rather as one of the family before her marriage to the Defendant; I was present and saw them married in Jonesville, Virginia, at the house of Mr. C. A. Russell; I know the fact that the Defendant abandoned his said wife soon after their marriage and left this country, and as was reported went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he probably yet resides, and he has never returned since his departure that I know of or have heard of, and his said wife has resided here all the while since he left except she took a short trip to Kentucky, and she now resides in Jonesville, where she is engaged in dress-making, and she has the confidence and respect of the community so far as I know or have ever heard; and I am of the opinion that the abandonment of her by her said husband was without any sufficient cause on her part. The Plaintiff has been a resident of this county and state for more than one year preceding the bringing of this suit. And further this deponent saith not.

James W. Orr.

Virginia, Lee County, to-wit:-

I, Henry C. Joslyn, a Justice of the Peace for Lee County, Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing depositions of W. A. Baker and James W. Orr, were duly taken, subscribed and sworn to before me at the time and place and for the purposes in the caption mentioned. Given under my hand this the 26th day of October 1895.

H. C. Joslyn, J. P.

Minerva H. Jamison
vs. } Depositions
John W. Jamison

Depositions of
James W. Orr and
W. A. Baker.

Received from H. C. Jolly
the Justice before whom
Taken and filed Oct
the 26th 1898
A. B. Munsey Clerk

J. P. Free no Charge

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of
Lee on the 23rd day of September 1898.

Minerva H Jamison Plaintiff
against

In Chancery

John M Jamison Defendant.

The object of this suit is to obtain a decree for a divorce
a Vinculo Matrimonii dissolving the bonds
of matrimony now existing between the plaintiff
and defendant.

And an affidavit having been made and filed that the defendant

John M Jamison

So ^a not resident of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that he do appear here, within Fifteen days
after due publication hereof, and do what may be necessary to protect his interest in this suit. And it is
further ordered that a copy hereof be published once a week for four weeks in the Gate City
Gazette, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the court-house of this County
on the first day of the next term of the County Court.

A copy—Teste

W B Blankenship p. q. Ewing A B Munsey Clerk.

M H Jamison

VS.

ORDER
OF
PUBLICATION.

J M Jamison

Virginia Lee Court and
J A B Munnery Clerk
of the Circuit Court for
Lee County do Certify
that I posted a copy of
the within at the front
door of the Court house
at the Oct term as the
law directs.

Given under my
hand this the 25 day
of Oct 1895
J A B Munnery
Clerk

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of
Lee

Minerva H Jamison
against

Plaintiff

In Chancery

John M Jamison

Defendant

This day

George W Blankenship

personally appeared

before me.

A B Munsey

Clerk of the said Court,

and being duly sworn, made oath that

John M Jamison

defendant in the said suit is not a resident of the State of Virginia,

Given under my hand has Clerk of the said Court, this

23rd day of September

A B Munsey Clerk

1895-

M H Jamison

vs.

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AFFIDAVIT FOR ORDER
OF
PUBLICATION.

J M Jamison

Orr B & E p. q.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of the County of Lee---Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon

John M Jamison

to appear at the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Lee, at the rules to be held
for the said Court on the ~~30~~ Monday in *October*, 189*5*, to answer a
bill in Chancery, exhibited against *him* in our said court by

Minerva H Jamison

And have then there this writ. Witness, A. B. MUNSEY, Clerk of our said Court, at the court-
house, the *22nd* day of *September* 189*5*, and in the

120th year of the Commonwealth.

A B Munsey Clerk.

vs. { SUPRENA
IN CHANCERY.

.....p. q.

To Rules,
Circuit Court.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of the County of Lee--Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon

John M Jamison

to appear at the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Lee, at the rules to be held
for the said Court on the *3rd* Monday in *October*, 189*8*, to answer a
bill in Chancery, exhibited against *him* in our said court by

Minerva H Jamison

And have then there this writ. Witness, A. B. MUNSEY, Clerk of our said Court, at the court-
house, the *23rd* day of *September* 189*8*, and in the
120th year of the Commonwealth.

A B Munsey Clerk.

M H Jamison
SUPCENA

vs. }
IN CHANCERY.
J M Jamison

Orr B & C p. q.

To *2nd Oct* Rules,
Circuit Court.

Oct the 4th 18.95 -
Not Executed not
found J. H. Jamison
being a nonresident
of this State this
Oct the 4th 18.95 -

Wm. P. Weston S. G. C.

